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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS
SUBJECT: ATTEMPT TO HIJACK AIR-INDIA AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 2118

1. ITALIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES INFORM US THAT THE PERSON WHO ATTEMPTED TO HIJACK AN AIR-INDIA AIRCRAFT IN ITALIAN AIR SPACE ON DECEMBER 25, 1974, IS JOZEF HOMOLA, BORN IN OCIHOV (SIC) CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FEBRUARY 9, 1944. MR. HOMOLA RESIDES IN CANADA AT 82 SHERMAN STREET, NORTH HAMILTON, ONTARIO. HE BEARS CANADIAN PASSPORT KE 577153, ISSUED AT OTTAWA DECEMBER 2, 1974.

2. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES STATED THAT UPON ARREST, HOMOLA APPEARED TO BE DELIRIOUS AND HALLUCINATING. NEVERTHELESS, HE WAS NOT HOSPITALIZED BUT WAS IMPRISONED IN REGINA COELI JAIL (SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO REBIBBIA PRISON). ITALIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO FEEL HOMOLA IS MENTALLY ILL.

3. HOMOLA HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING, IMPROPER POSSESSION OF ARMS, AND THE IMPORTATION OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY (CANADIAN).

4. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING THIS MATTER AND HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY MAY VISIT HOMOLA. CANADIANS EXPECT TO
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INTERVIEW HOMOLA SHORTLY. MATTER IS BEING HANDLED BY

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CANADIAN CONSULAR SECTION AS A WELFARE AND PROTECTION PROBLEM
PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA. REPORTS HAVE BEEN
SUBMITTED AND INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED FROM OTTAWA BUT
CANADIANS HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING FROM OTTAWA TO DATE.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY INDIAN APPROACH
ON THE MATTER TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY HAS BEEN
UNABLE SO FAR TO CONTACT RESPONSIBLE OFFICER AT INDIAN
EMBASSY BUT WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN INDIAN OFFICIAL IS AVAILABLE.
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